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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Processing Staff, Office of Fianning, Programming and Budgeting

Leo:

I have been unable to meet your deadline of noon Friday 2 June 1967 for a coordinated written reaction to your draft paper from the Support Directorate. The following observations are personal and should be accepted as such until I have an opportunity to discuss them with Mr. Bannerman when he returns to town about 7 June 1967.

I refrain from the instinct to edit your prose but wonder whether it wouldn't be useful to summarize the principal points made in your discussion as prelude to the recommendations under a paragraph headed "Summary" or "Conclusions".

Such a paragraph might say that the DIA paper offers nothing new; it simply suggests a face lifting for the existing mechanism. The DIA suggestion is apparently based upon the conclusion that CODIB has been less effective than it should have been in doing exactly the same things which are proposed for the new committee structure. The potential for gain in such an approach seems minimal. A sharper focus is needed; this can be achieved better by consolidation of the gains during the past several years and a concentration upon optimizing the information storage and processing operations in the community which are currently in a design or test stage rather than start anew to do the same things over again in a different guise.

The recommendations might then say that the existing arrangements should be continued; CODIB should be authorized (if such is necessary) to create whatever subcommittees it considers necessary; that it concentrate upon maximizing benefits to be gained from systems currently being tested and implemented; that, using the results of such an evaluation, CODIB

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develop plans and recommendations for future community systems activity; and that CODIB simultaneously re-evaluate the recommendations of the SCIPS project to determine feasibility of implementing its second phase.



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